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**Applicant:** Algirdas A. Underys )  
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**Serial No.:** 08/991,113 )  
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**Filing Date:** December 16, 1997 )  
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**Title:** Heat Treatment Method and )  
 Apparatus )

**Attention:**  
  
**Primary Examiner**  
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The Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
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**This application has been  
remanded from the Board  
in Appeal No. 10,359**

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Applicant appeals from the final rejection rendered January 6, 2003.

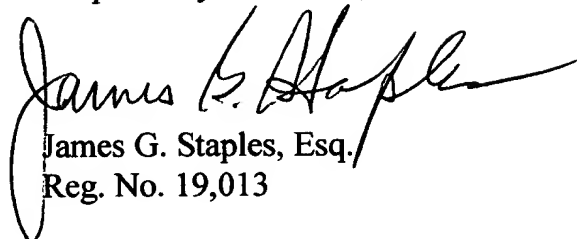
This is the second appeal to the Board of Appeals in this application, the first appeal having ended in a remand of the application to the Examiner for further proceedings.

No appeal fee is submitted with this Notice of Appeal since the appeal fee was paid on December 16, 1999, as shown on the attached copy of a return postcard which accompanied the transmission of said December 16, 1999 appeal, said postcard showing the Patent Office date of receipt stamp. We further refer to a February 27, 2003 telephone conference with Administrator Craig Fineberg in which this procedure was suggested.

This appeal is from the rejection of claims 4, 6, 7, 15-17 and 19.

Applicant is a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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